By the King and Queen

A PROCLAMATION

For Encouraging Seamen and Mariners to Enter themſelves on Their Majeſties Ships of War.

MARIE R.

WE being Willing and Deſirous to give all due Encouragement to ſuch Seamen as have already Voluntarily Entred, or ſhall Voluntary Enter themſelves in Our Service, on Board Our Ships of War in Our Royal Navy, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Publiſh this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby Promiſe and Declare, That all ſuch able Seamen as have already Entred themſelves Voluntarily on Board any of Our Ships of War of the Firſt, Second, or Third Rates, ſince the Firſt day of December laſt, ſhall Receive Six Weeks Pay as Our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, which ſhall be paid them before the reſpective Ships to which they belong ſhall Sail from the Buoy of the Nore. Provided that the ſaid Seamen do Within Twelve days after the Date of this Our Proclamation, Repair on Board the reſpective Ships on which they have ſo Entred themſelves, and give their conſtant Attendance for Fitting out to Sea ſuch Ship as each of them ſhall belong unto, notwithſtanding any Leave which may have been given from their Commanders for being abſent (otherwiſe they are not to expect to receive Wages Arrear from the time of their Firſt Entry;) Nevertheleſs, if they ſhall ſo Repair on Board Within Twenty days after the Date hereof, they ſhall receive as of Our Gift and Bounty, Six Weeks Pay; And if they ſhall ſo Repair on Board before the Twentieth of February next, they ſhall receive as of Our Gift and Bounty, One Months Pay. And We do further Promiſe and Declare, That all ſuch able Seamen as ſhall Voluntarily Enter themſelves on Board any of Our Ships of the Firſt, Second and Third Rates Within Twenty days after the Date hereof, ſhall likewiſe receive, as of Our Free Gift, and Royal Bounty, Six Weeks Pay; And ſuch as ſhall ſo Enter themſelves before the Twentieth day of February next, ſhall receive One Months Pay, to be paid as aforeſaid, before the Ships to which they belong ſhall Sail from the Buoy of the Nore. And We are alſo Graciouſly pleaſed to Declare, That Conduct Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, ſhall likewiſe be Allowed to ſuch able Seamen as ſhall Voluntarily Enter themſelves on Board any of Our ſaid Ships, according to the true meaning of this Our Proclamation. And for the Prevention of any Deceits and Abuſes that may happen by any Perſon or Perſons leaving the Ships to which they belong, and Entring him or themſelves on Board any other of Our ſaid Ships, as aforeſaid, in order to the obtaining of the Bounty Money herein before Granted, We do hereby likewiſe Direct, Declare and Command, That ſuch Seamen belonging to any of Our Ships or Veſſels whatſoever, as ſhall leave any the Ships or Veſſels to which they belong, and Enter themſelves on Board any other of Our Ships in order to the obtaining of the ſaid Bounty Money, ſhall not only loſe the Wages due to them in the Ship which they ſhall ſo leave, but ſhall alſo be ſeverely puniſhed according to their Demerits.

Given at Our Court at *Kenſington* the Fifteenth Day of *January*, 1690. In the Second Year of Our Reign.

God ſave King William and Queen Mary.

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